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The Honorable William L. Clay
U. S. House of Reps.
2470 Rayburn, House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

February 24, 1993

Dear Mr. Clay:

I have been active in the modeling community for over 20 years, and I am a very active member in several local clubs. I am an active competitor in local, national events.

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has issued a Notice of Proposed Rule Making (NPRM-PR Docket 92-235) which, if implemented, will have a profound effect on model frequency use. The new rules will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for model use and increase the risk of accidents.

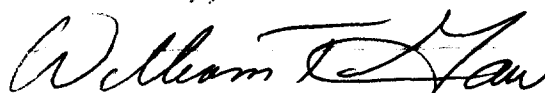
Our frequencies are in the 72-76 MHz band and is primarily used for private land mobile dispatch operations. These bands are far enough apart from the land mobile frequencies that we have been able to share without interference to each other.

However the FCC now wants to create more land mobile frequencies by splitting them into narrower bandwidths. As a result of this move 31 of our current 50 frequencies will

control modelers. The FCC may not think we are important as business users of radios, but we have a considerable investment in the models we fly and in the radio equipment use to safely operate them. This hobby has contributed to advancement and development of the commercial aviation industry, so important to this state.

Please help me and my fellow modelers enjoy the safe pastime of radio control by not allowing the FCC to carry out its proposals for the 72-76 MHz band.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "William T. Gau". The signature is fluid and stylized, with the first and last names being more prominent than the middle initial.

William T. Gau
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